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1. SUMMARY. GENERAL ASSEMBLY PLENARY DEC. 16 ADOPTED
FOUR RESOLUTIONS ON ISRAELI PRACTICES IN OCCUPIED
TERRITORIES THAT HAD BEEN APPROVED IN SPECIAL POLITICAL
COMMITTEE (SPC) DEC. 2 (REFTEL). VOTES WERE AS FOLLOWS.
RES A (SETTLEMENTS): 129-3(US)-4; RES B (GENEVA
CONVENTION): 134(US)-0-2; RES C (OMNIBUS): 100-5(US)-30;
RES D (QUNEITRA): 97-3-36(US). END SUMMARY.

2. AT DEC. 16 PELNARY, GA ADOPTED THE FOUR RESOLUTIONS
RECOMMENDED TO IT BY SPC UNDER ITEM 55 - INVESTIGATION
OF ISRAELI PRACTICES IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. VOTE ON
SETTLEMENTS RESOLUTION (RES A) WAS 129-3(US, ISRAEL,
HAITI)-4(COSTA RICA, LIBERIA, MALAWI, NICARAGUA). HAITI
HAD BEEN ABSENT DURING SPC VOTE (102-3-4), NICARAGUA
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SWITCHED FROM NO TO ABSTENTION, AND COLOMBIA SWITCHED
FROM ABSTENTION TO YES. RESOLUTION B ON APPLICABILITY
OF GENEVA CONVENTION IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES WAS ADOPTED
134-0-2(ISRAELI, HAITI). (SPEC VOTE WAS 107-0-2.)
NICARAGUA SWITCHED FROM ABSTENTION TO YES AND MALAWI
FROM NON-PARTICIPATION TO YES. VOTE ON RES C (OMNIBUS)

WAS 100-5-30. (SPEC VOTE 84-3-22.) NEGATIVE VOTES WERE
US, ISRAEL, COSTA RICA, HAITI, NICARAGUA. QUNEITRA RESOLUTION
(RES D) WAS ADOPTED 97-3 (ISRAEL, COSTA RICA, NICARAGUA)-36.
(SPC VOTE 81-2-26.) ON BOTH RES C AND RES D COSTA RICA
SWITCHED FROM ABSTENTION TO NO AND SURINAM FROM YES TO
ABSTENTION.

3. ABSTENTIONS ON RES C WERE AUSTRALIA, AUSTRIA, BAHAMAS,
BARBADOS, BELGIUM, BOLIVIA, CANADA, COLOMBIA, DENMARK,
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, EL SALVADOR, FRANCE, FRG, ICELAND,
IRELAND, ITALY, JAPAN, LIBERIA, LUXEMBOURG, MALAWI,
NETHERLANDS, NEW ZEALAND, NORWAY, PARAGUAY, SURINAM,
SWAZILAND, SWEDEN, UK, URUGUAY, AND VENEZUELA. ABSTENTIONS
ON RES D WERE SAME AS C PLUS ECUADOR, FINLAND, HAITI,
IVORY COAST, PORTUGAL AND US. ABSENT THROUGHOUT VOTING WERE
ANGOLA, CAPE VERDE, DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA, FIJI, GUATEMALA,
HONDURAS, PAPUA NEW GUINEA, SAMOA, SEYCHELLES AND SOUTH
AFRICA. IN ADDITION, GRENADA DID NOT CAST VOTE ON RES A,
ZAIRE DID NOT VOTE ON RES B, BULGARIA AND CHILE DID NOT
VOTE ON RES C, AND CHILE DID NOT VOTE ON RES D.

4. PRIOR TO VOTE ISRAEL (HERZOG), SYRIA (ALLAF) AND
SAUDI ARABIA (BAROODY) GAVE EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE IN
WHICH THEY RESTATED AT SOME LENGTH WELL-KNOWN VIEWS
ON ISRAELI OCCUPATION POLICIES AND PRACTICES AS WELL AS
OVERALL MIDDLE EAST QUESTION. GABON SPOKE BRIEFLY AFTER
THE VOTE, EXPLAINING THAT IT HAD SUPPORTED ALL FOUR
RESOLUTIONS AS BEING CONSISTENT WITH ITS MIDDLE EAST POLICY
AND SUPPORT FOR PLO AS ONLY REPRESENTATIVE OF PALESTINIAN
PEOPLE. GABON ALSO NOTED FOR RECORD THAT IT HAD BEEN
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ABSENT FOR VOTE ON TWO RESOLUTIONS UNDER MIDDLE EAST
ITEM BUT WOULD HAVE VOTED FOR BOTH IF PRESENT.
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